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TWO NEW STATES?

For years and years there have been movements to grant statehood to Alaska and Hawaii. Political parties in their platforms have gone on record favoring increasing the number of states from 48 to 50. And bills to this effect have been introduced and often passed in the lower house. Yet, most of us never really took the matter seriously.

Now, it actually appears that there is an excellent chance that statehood for both Alaska and Hawaii will pass both houses of this session of Congress, and if so, era Christmas, we may have two new states in the making. Legislation to bring this about has already passed the House of Representatives.

We favor the project. Alaska and Hawaii are vital links in our national defense, and are fast-growing territories. The only drawback is the geographical fact that neither are adjoining existing states. But that means less than once it did, with the development of air transportation.

Incidently, won't the flagmakers have a boom, when the numbers of stars in Old Glory moves up to 50.

THANKSGIVING

No holiday is more firmly entrenched in American tradition than Thanksgiving. In both colonial Virginia and in New England, each settler gave thanks to God and set up the religious traditions of the New World.

Today, as a people, we need to reaffirm our religious ties, and give humble thanks to Divine Providence for blessings vast and untold.

Let us observe that kind of observance of Thanksgiving. There should be family prayers in every home. Do not partake of the Thanksgiving feast without returning thanks. It should be done at every meal.

May our great nation always be in the right, so God can continue to bless our wonderful land.

General open hunting season in Virginia opened Monday.

GAME ATTENDANCE

Attendance is off for many college and high school football games. Some of the decline is being placed on the young shoulders of television. They submit: why get into town and pay increasing prices when you can see the game by video?

We are not convinced on that point. Television should serve to introduce the game to many new fans and cultivate new followers for the sport. More logical to us is the view that full employment over the nation cuts into the number of those who can either go to the game or see it over the video.

FACTS ABOUT NEW CONGRESS

(Winchester Star)

The average age of members of the new Congress is 53. The average Senator will be 57 when the Congress convenes in January and the average Representative will be approximately 52 years old. The oldest member of either branch is Representative Doughton of North Carolina, 87; the youngest is Representative Bentsen of Texas, 29. The oldest Senator is Theodore Francis Green of Rhode Island, 83; and the youngest Senator is Russell Long of Louisiana, 32.

In the House, 58 per cent are lawyers by profession, while in the Senate the percentage of lawyers is 64. In the Senate 60 per cent of the members are war veterans, while in the House only 47 per cent have seen military duty.

The Democratic Party will control both House and Senate in the 82nd Congress, but its two vote margin will be the smallest since the Republicans held control by a single seat, 48 47, in the 72nd Congress of 1931-33. The Democrats will have a 35 seat edge in the House, a loss of 57 seats compared to the present Congress. That majority will be the smallest since the session of 1943-45 when the Democrats controlled the House with 216 seats to 212 for the Republicans.

Congress goes back into session November 27.

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SCRIPTURE: Psalm 50:10-12; Proverbs 3:9-10; Mark 12:38-44; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; II Corinthians 9:1-8; Philippians 4:15-20.

DEVOTIONAL READING: James 2:14-26.

Cheerful Giver

Lesson for November 26, 1950

TAKE a good look at a piece of money. Let it be in any form at all; "hard money," "folding money," a check, a money order, scrip—anything you can shove across a counter and buy something with. Let us say it is your own money, and that you earned it yourself. Just take a look at that piece of cash. Do you recognize it? You should; for it is nothing less than a piece of your own life.

Dr. Foreman

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Money is Life

YOU got rid of something quite valuable to get hold of that piece of money. Time, certainly. You are poorer than you were 24 hours ago, poorer in time, for you have 24 hours less to live than you had then. But you are richer in money, for you did not have this money then, if it is the return for your work during that time. You lost time but you gained money; in other words the money represents time, which in turn spells life.

Look at it in another way: You put out a certain amount of energy for this bit of money. You plowed a field or you raised some chickens or you laid some pipe or you taught some children or you sold a bill of goods. Whatever you did to earn the money, it tired you a bit. You put out the work, — and the money came back to you. Money is time, money is energy. Furthermore, money is knowledge.

Why is a skilled workman paid more than an unskilled one? Not because he works harder or sweats more. He is paid more because his work is better, and his work is better because he knows more. Now, what would life be without time, energy or knowledge? Not much! So if a robber ever says to you: "Your money or your life!" you would be quite correct (even if unfactful) if you said, "My dear felon, you repeat yourself; money is life!"

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Life Comes from God

AMONG the many differences between a Christian and a non-Christian is this: the Christian knows too much to say, "My life is my own, to do with as I please." Consider those three elements of life: time, energy, knowledge. Time itself is certainly God's gift, the Creator's gift. None of us can make a moment of it. We can accept it, use it; or we can waste it; but it was given us in either case.

Energy cannot be created by you or me. Each of us has a certain (and a different) amount; we inherit it, we are endowed with it; but only God in the long run is the source of energy. To make a long story short, life is God's gift, not our creation. It is a blank page on which we write, an empty field in which we can sow as we will. But though the writing and the sowing are our own, the page and the field are God's. So the Christian recognizes this as the central fact of his life: I belong to God.

Now if that is true it is also true that our money is also, just as much as life itself, ours only as a trust from God.

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Stewardship

"STEWARDSHIP" is the word which recognizes God's right in our lives; it is the word which describes the principle of life for those who honor God as source of all they are and have. When the proverb-writer says, "Honor God with thy substance," he has just said, "in all thy ways acknowledge him." No man is likely to do what is right with his money who habitually does wrong with his life. No man is going to admit his partnership with God in money matters who does not confess God to be the Lord of all his life.

Now there are two principles brought out in our Scripture about stewardship of money in particular. One is this: God looks on what we have, not on what we haven't. A widow who gives one tiny coin, if that is all she has, is more generous than a millionnaire who has just given half a million to Charity. Second is the principle of willingness. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. Sour givers, regretful givers, stingy givers, no. But the Lord does love the man who gives with a smile.

It isn't how much you give, it isn't the fact that you give, it's HOW you give. Is your heart generous in the first place?

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HOMEMAKERS' ITEMS

A kit of simple tools is a handy aid for the homemaker who frequently has to do small repair jobs around the house.

For most households, Extension Service specialists at V. P. I. suggest a hammer, large and small screw driver, medium-size pliers and a six-inch crescent wrench— convenient because it has adjustable jaws.

Assemble the tools in a holder which can be kept at a central place in the house. A homemade case, patterned after those made for table silver, with separate open-top pockets for each tool, may be made of some sturdy material like duck or denim. Put loops at the top so you can hang it on the wall, open for use and stitch tapes on the back so you can tie it when it is rolled up.

Using tools efficiently is as important as having them handy. Grasp a hammer close under the head for the light tap needed for starting a nail or tacking. But hold the end of the handle for long, strong strokes. When starting a nail, place fingers close under the nail-head to avoid a bruise if the hammer misses its aim.

Use a screw driver with a blade as wide or but no wider than the slot of the screw. Put pressure on the point, not on the twist. Pliers are mechanical fingers for tight holding. Use pliers to hold and twist wire, for example, or to pull out headless nails. Do not use pliers on nuts and bolts. A wrench is the tool for this job, and an adjustable wrench makes it unnecessary to have a set of different size wrenches.

GARLIC FLAVORS TROUBLE DIARYMEN

How to avoid garlic flavors in milk is a question confronting Virginia's dairymen these days.

R. G. Connelly, dairy husbandman at VPI, says there have been many complaints from farmers and distributors, and that some milk is being returned to the farm because of off-flavors.

Here is the advice: Don't let the cows graze garlic-infested pastures for three to five hours before milking. Instead feed them good quality garlic-free hay and silage in a dry lot. They can graze immediately after milking.

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...iss Dot Carter outlined the ...b's work for the girls and taught ...e club a new song. Mr. Reginald ...ee taught the boys a new game.

The Vera 4-H Club was presented ...th $5.00 prize for the best attend... at the Achievement Day pro... on Saturday.

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R. B. HUDGINS,
County Agent.

THREE-CAR WRECK INJURED SEVEN

Three automobile accidents injured seven persons and damaged ...ree cars near Farmville during the ...st weekend. Two of the acci... ...nts happened on Route 460 about ...ne-quarter of a mile west of ...rmville. The other car skidded, ...rned over and burned, near Rice.

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Marketing Tips For Quality Tobacco

Do you grow good tobacco—and then let it lose quality before it reaches the market?

G. R. Mathews, associate Extension agronomist at V. P. I., warns that after tobacco is well-cured, the color darkens and quality deteriorates rapidly if the crop is left hanging in the barn exposed to humidity above 70 per cent.

He advises tobaccomen to take the crop down and bulk it in the barn soon after curing is completed. Some farmers follow the practice of bulking after one or two sharp freezes. The freeze seems to drive out the extra moisture in the stalks and in the tip leaves of the plant.

Mathews also reminds growers that stripping and sorting is an important step in preparing tobacco for market. The object of sorting tobacco is to bring together leaves of similar body, color and quality in accordance with the use to be made of the crop. Since these different grades are used for various purposes in manufactured tobacco, they must be uniform in body and color.

Other tips from Mathews:

If you primed the bottom leaves this year, be careful not to leave any pieces of string in the tobacco when it is sent to market.

Use a tobacco press. Pressed tobacco looks better, keeps better and sells better. Plans for a homemade tobacco press are available from all Extension county farm agents.

Careful Cutting Of Trees Asked

Take a long look at timber prices trends before you cut rapidly growing young trees.

That's the advice of J. W. O'Bryne, Extension Service Forester at V. P. I., who warns that despite present high prices for stumpage and logs, it is bad business to cut thrifty young trees.

Growth of the trees during the next few years probably will more than offset any decrease in the price of good timber, he says.

Even if timber prices fall, other commodities will drop correspondingly in price with the result that timber dollars will buy more.

O'Bryne points out that although prices for timber have gone up during inflation and dropped during depressions, the overall trend has been upward since 1900.

During the 1931-34 depression timber was the only farm prouct which did not fall below the 1910-1914 price level.

One hunter killed and a second hunter shot on opening day of the hunting season in Virginia.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Forest Fire Warning to Huntsmen

The combination of careless hunters and dry weather will undoubtedly result in many forest fires again this fall as in the past. Smokers caused nearly 32 per cent of the forest fires last year, and many of these smokers were hunters. Campfires were the cause of over 4 per cent of fiorest fires last year and most of the campfires were started by hunters.

Very little effort would be required of each hunter to keep the number of forest fires to a minimum—breaking a match, use of an automobile ash tray, a "dead out" cigarette butt, or a bucket of water on a campfire. When a forest fire burns, it not only damages timber, but it removes game food and cover, which is a big step in the direction of complete elimination of our priceless supply of game.

So far this year, Virginia has experienced her worst forest fire situation since 1942. In the Farmville District, which is composed of ten counties, we have had 170 forest fires, which have burned a total of 2,417 acres, so far in 1950. These figures are even more startling when you consider that about 95 per cent of these fires were caused by man's carelessness, and could nave been prevented. Let's not add to the total.

—John N. Graff,
District Fire Chief.

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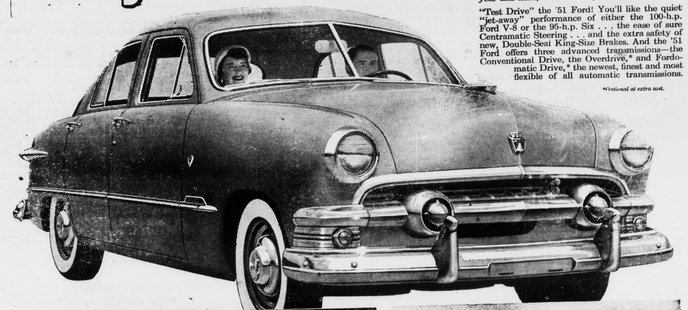

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